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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application. Claims 1-21 were previously canceled. Claims 22-33 are canceled by this amendment. New claims 34-48 are presented.

L. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 22-33 as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. Applicants respectfully request that new claims 34-48 overcome this rejection.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 22-33 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Applicants respectfully request that new claims 34-48 overcome this rejection..

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 22-24 and 26-29 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,585,960 to Sato et al. ("Sato") in view of Marshall U.S. Patent No. 5,706,061. The Examiner has rejected claim 25 as being unpatentable over Sato and Marshall further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,528,317 to Gove et al. ("Gove"). The Examiner has additionally rejected claims 30-33 as being unpatentable over Sato and Marshall further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,456,432 to Lazzaro et al. ("Lazzaro"). The Examiner has additionally rejected claims 32 and 33 as being unpatentable over Sato and

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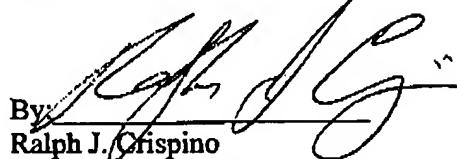
Marshall in further view of Lazzaro and U.S. Patent No. 5,226,114 to Martinez et al. ("Martinez").

Further, applicants respectfully submit that new claims 34-48 are not rendered obvious by the cited art, alone or in combination.

IV. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims 34-48 are now in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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